

4th February 2022

Montrose School

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Wishing everyone a lovely half-term break

This term has been a particularly challenging term with high numbers of Covid cases across the school but fortunately we have managed to come out the other side without having to shut any classes thanks to staff taking on additional responsibilities. We have continued to offer the children at Montrose a broad and balanced curriculum and this term we have seen them enjoy a wide range of activities from number day, cross country, refugee art workshops, Commando Joe tasks and a visit to the Warning Zone to name but a few.

Next term we hope things will begin to settle down so that the children can again start attending sports clubs at lunchtime as well as choir with Mrs Rupp on Fridays. In years 3 and 4 they have already begun to learn the songs for their production and we are keeping our fingers crossed that this will be able to go ahead just before the Easter holidays. We are also hoping that our spring term 'Progress Evenings' will be able to go ahead face-to-face. So keep 15th and 17th March free in your diary.

We wish you a restful half term, enjoy yourselves and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 21st February.

Miss Jackson and Mr Owens, Head teachers

Number Day

The children took part in a fun-filled morning of maths activities working together in mixed-aged classes whilst solving problems and playing games. A big thank you to Miss Martin for organising this day for everyone. Take a look at the photos at the end of this newsletter to see what the children got up to!



E-Safety

With Safer Internet Day on Tuesday, this is a timely reminder to monitor the settings and content on all devices that children are using at home. Classes will be learning about keeping themselves safe online. Please talk to your children about staying safe on the internet and not accepting friend requests from anyone that they do not know. We would strongly urge you to investigate any games that your child requests and hopefully we can keep our children safe.

**Safer
Internet
Day 2022** | **Tuesday
8 February**

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

Nursery



We have created a baker's shop and have made cakes in lots of ways. Happy Chinese New Year of the Tiger!

Reception



We have been learning about fire safety and how to STOP, DROP and ROLL! We also enjoyed joining up with the nursery for lots of number based activities on Number Day.

Year 1

The children have been making playground equipment in design and technology. They have been thinking about how to make their structures strong. They also got to watch the pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast' and really enjoyed it!



Year 2



The children explored blending and shading with oil pastels after a hardworking week of writing riddles and looking at shapes. They have also been learning some African call-and-response songs.

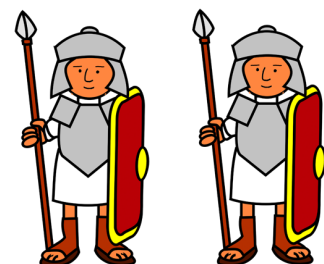


Year 3

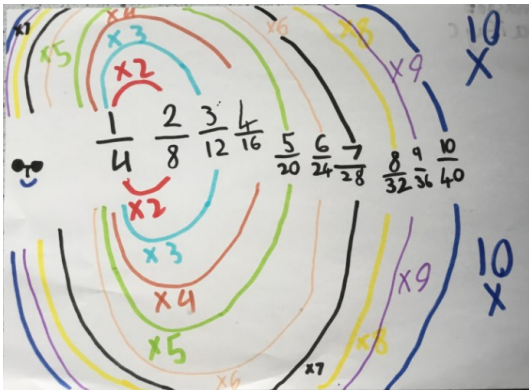
We learned all about how the Romans invaded Britain and how they were very good at working as a team and making formations to protect not only themselves but their friends. We pretended that we were invading Britain. When we saw the word ATTACK, we were able to move forward and when we saw the words DEFEND we had to protect ourselves with a formation. In the end, we managed to conquer!



In our history lesson we created posters on the iPads to inform people about the daily life of the Romans.



Year 4



We did some practical activities on equivalent fractions to help strengthen our understanding. We completed some fractions walls in pairs and then created some fraction rainbows to help us identify equivalent fractions and spot the patterns. We are feeling a lot more confident with equivalent fractions now!

In Science we learnt how to keep our teeth healthy, what plaque is and what causes cavities. As part of the lesson, we had a disclosing chew tablet to show where plaque had formed on our teeth. We will definitely be brushing our teeth thoroughly and twice a day!



We have also enjoyed researching facts about the Amazon river, practising how we can use the internet as a tool to help us find information.



Year 5

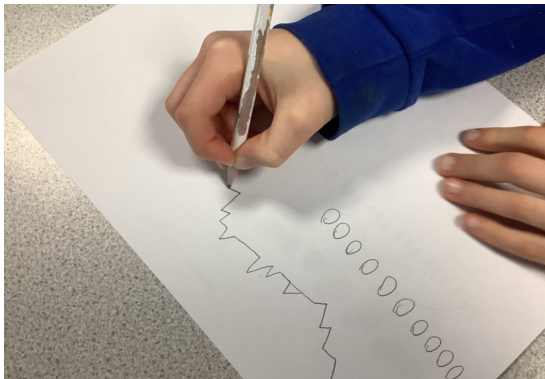
In science we have been experimenting with the best ways to separate materials from a mixture.



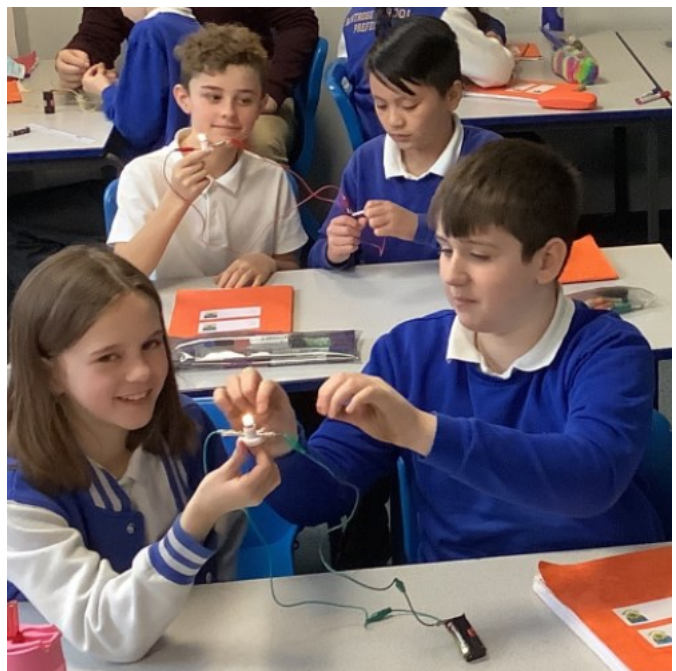


Year 6

We have really enjoyed our graffiti topic in art and the final pieces everyone has created are very colourful and imaginative! We have also explored graphic scores to record different tunes in music and created a class team flag. The flag contains some of the values which we felt were important for a good team to have.



We built circuits and explored how changing the voltage affects the brightness of a bulb or the volume of a buzzer.





Cross Country

Well done to the year 3 ,4, 5 and 6 children who took part in the cross country event this week at Victoria Park. We were all relieved that the weather had warmed up as the previous day had been bitterly cold!

Number Day 2022

